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22. U.S. Patent No. 6,305,546, issued October 23, 2001, entitled "Food Storage Containers" of *Saunders et al.*;
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